

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/634,885

Examiner

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Telephonic Interview 16 February 2006; After Final Amendment 20 January 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 9-17, 19-25 and 28-32.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John W. Fitzpatrick—Reg. No. 41,018—on 16 February 2006.

Enter and amend the claims filed 20 January 2006 as follows:

32. (Currently Amended) An IP telephone apparatus, comprising:

a main unit having a handset;

an external telephone connection unit being connectable to an external telephone having a handset;

a telephone line connection unit being connectable to a telephone network;

a network connection unit being connectable to a computer network;

an IP command generating unit configured to generate an IP telephone command for executing an IP telephone call;

a handset validation unit configured to selectively validate one of the handset of the main unit and the handset of the external telephone;

an audio signal path switching unit that switches a connection target of the handset validated by the handset validation unit from the telephone line connection unit to the network connection unit upon detection of the IP telephone command; and

a mode setting unit configured to set an all calling mode for sending a ringing signal to the external telephone in response to a connection request received from each of a calling party on the telephone network and ~~[[the]]~~ a network terminal on the computer network, and to set one calling mode for sending a ringing signal to the external telephone only when a connection request is received from one of a calling party on the telephone network and the network terminal.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

**Claims 1-6, 9-17, 19-25 and 28-32 are allowed.**

**Claims 1, 15 and 20** have been respectively amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 8, 18 and 27. As such, claims 1, 15 and 20 are allowable over the cited prior art for at least the reasons set forth in the Final Rejection filed 25 August 2005.

**Claims 2-6, 9-14, 16, 17, 19, 21-25 and 28-31** depend variously on claims 1, 15 and 20, and are allowable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons.

**Claim 32** was amended herein to correct a minor antecedent basis issue. Further, claim 32 recites essentially the same subject matter as claim 15, and is allowable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Walter F. Briney III whose telephone number is 571-272-7513. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sinh Tran can be reached on 571-272-7564. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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